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**PATENT**

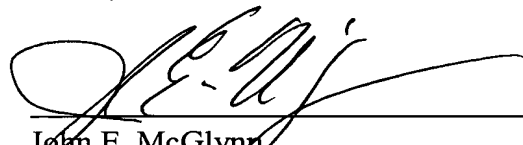
### **REMARKS**

Claims 1 through 48 are pending in the present application.

The pending Office Action comprises a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 requiring election of one of allegedly three distinct groups of claims. Applicant's undersigned representative provisionally elects without traverse Examiner's Group I (claims 1-7, and 10 through 26) for prosecution in the present application. This election is in no way an admission of the Examiner's characterizations of the figures and/or claims. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the non-elected claims, as well as any other claims supported by the specification, in one or more subsequent patent applications.

Applicants' undersigned submits that the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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